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### **Calendar**

Events are sometimes added, cancelled, or rescheduled after press time. See our online events calendar at [lam.alaska.gov/calendar](http://lam.alaska.gov/calendar) for calendar updates.

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**APK** = Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building (Juneau)

**SJM** = Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka)

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### **News**

#### ***Summer Hours This Month!***

As of this writing (4/23/2021), all division facilities are open, with COVID masking and social distancing protocols. Starting later this month, the Alaska State Library and Archives return to their pre-pandemic hours. The museums in Juneau and Sitka will expand their hours and start accepting summer admission fees.

#### ***State Library and State Archives***

Summer: Starting May 10

Reading Room open Monday - Friday from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.

The Research Center (Alaska State Archives and State Library - Historical Collections) is open by appointment only during the hours of 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Friday. Please make appointments at least 48 hours in advance to allow us to pull materials for you.

» To make an appointment with the Historical Collections, call at 907-465-2925 or email [ASL.Historical@alaska.gov](mailto:ASL.Historical@alaska.gov).

» To make an appointment with the State Archives, call 907-465-2270 or email [archives@alaska.gov](mailto:archives@alaska.gov).

#### ***State Museum (Juneau)***

Summer: May 12 - September 30

Open Wednesday - Saturday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Admission: Age 18 and under always admitted free. Summer admission at the State Museum is \$14 with a \$1 discount for seniors. An annual pass for unlimited admission at both museums can be purchased for \$40.

## **Sheldon Jackson Museum (Sitka)**

Summer: May 12 – September 30

Open Wednesday – Sunday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Admission: Age 18 and under always admitted free. Summer admission at the Sheldon Jackson Museum is \$9 with a \$1 discount for seniors. An annual pass for unlimited admission at both museums can be purchased for \$40.

Please check our website at [lam.alaska.gov](https://lam.alaska.gov) for updates before your visit as hours could change depending on COVID conditions in the community.

## **In-Person Events Resume in Juneau**

Starting this month, the APK in Juneau, led by the Alaska State Museum, is resuming some in-person public events. We are also continuing virtual exhibits so you can participate according to your schedule and COVID comfort level. See below for details.

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## **Events this month**

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### **Virtual Dedication of The Spirit Wraps Around You**

Friday, May 7, 2021, 5:00 – 6:00 pm on Zoom

Tune in to the virtual livestream of the dedication of *The Spirit Wraps Around You: Northern Northwest Coast Native Textiles*. This program is being offered virtually due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions. The link for viewing the dedication will be posted on the exhibit page at <https://lam.alaska.gov/sway>.

### **Youth Activity for Ages 6-12: Yogurt Cup Baskets with Kay Parker**

Saturday, May 8, 2021, 10:00 am – Noon at APK  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Weave a yarn basket with a yogurt cup base inspired by the woven robes in *The Spirit Wraps Around You: Northern Northwest Coast Native Textiles* exhibit. Kay Parker has been weaving Ravenstail since 1990 and had a solo artist exhibit, *Playing with Lightning*, at the Alaska State Museum in 2013. This workshop will be held outdoors at the APK. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather, and masks are required. Space is limited – request a spot by filling out the form at <https://library-alaska.libwizard.com/f/youthartform>. This program is partially funded by the citizens of the City and Borough of Juneau through sales tax revenues and is sponsored by the Friends of the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum.

### **Opening of The Spirit Wraps Around You: Northern Northwest Coast Native Textiles Exhibit**

Saturday, May 8, 2021, Noon – 4:00 pm at the Alaska State Museum BY APPOINTMENT

Organized by the Alaska State Museum (ASM), this exhibit traces the history of the sacred textiles known today as “Ravenstail” and “Chilkat” robes. Two dozen robes will carry the story of Native weaving among the Tsimshian, Haida, and Tlingit of Alaska and British Columbia, representing both ancient and modern ceremonial robes made by Alaska Natives and First Nations weavers. Woven from the plush white fur of mountain goats, these robes were seen by early Euro-American visitors to the northern Northwest Coast when they contacted First Nations and Alaska Native people. Their use is reserved for sacred ceremonies, where dancers wear them to display the crests of their clans. Robes were also used as diplomatic gifts to other clans and tribes. In the 1900s, only a few weavers carried these unique traditions into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The exhibit is developed by ASM, with a curatorial

team of internationally renowned weavers: Evelyn Vanderhoop (Haida), Delores Churchill (Haida), Marie Oldfield (Tsimshian), and Lani Hotch (Tlingit), assisted by Juneau-area weavers: Kay Parker, Marcia Stier, Lily Hope (Tlingit), Janice Criswell (Haida), and others.

Scheduled visits are required. Call the Alaska State Museum at 465-2901 to make an appointment for your visit.

### ***Two Lectures for The Spirit Wraps Around You Exhibit***

Saturday, May 8, 2021, 1:30 - 2:30 and 3:00 - 4:00 pm at the APK, IN-PERSON, REGISTRATION REQUIRED

More information to come. These presentations are free and open to the public, but registration will be required to maintain COVID-19 distancing requirements.

### ***Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum Silent Auction & Bake Sale Fundraiser***

Saturday, May 8, 2021, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall, 408 Marine St., Sitka, IN-PERSON

The Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum will host a silent auction and bake sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 8 from 10 am - 5 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Hall at 408 Marine Street in Sitka. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to support the Alaska Native Artist Residency Program, a program that brings artists from all over Alaska to the Sheldon Jackson Museum to create art, give lectures, and study the collection. A variety of items will be available for purchase including Alaska Native art, non-Native art, books, jewelry, homemade baked goods, and much more. For more details, please contact the Friends of Sheldon Jackson Museum by emailing [friendsofsjm@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofsjm@gmail.com).

### ***Danielle Stickman (Koyukon & Dena'ina Athabascan), Alaska Native Artist-in-Residence***

May 15-30, 2021, various days and times at SJM

The Sheldon Jackson Museum is pleased to announced the first artist-in-residence of the summer of 2021 - Danielle Stickman (Koyukon & Dena'ina Athabascan). Stickman is a beader, fish skin sewer, and mixed media artist and will be working in the museum galleries most days between Wednesday and Sunday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm from May 15-30. For more information on when Stickman is working at the museum or details about the Alaska Native Artist Residency Program, call (907) 747-8981.

### ***Social Security 101***

Tuesday, May 18, 2021, Noon - 1:30 pm on Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEqcu2hqTopHtR\\_\\_i4QO7gE5-S01JJ7pXmw](https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJEqcu2hqTopHtR__i4QO7gE5-S01JJ7pXmw)

A FREE workshop from Social Security

- » When are you eligible to receive retirement benefits?
- » How does early retirement affect your benefits?
- » Do you qualify for disability, survivors, and spouse benefits?
- » How do you get the most from your benefit?
- » What is the future of Social Security?
- » When should you file for Medicare?

Learn how to use My Social Security online account and other online services. You should go to [www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](https://www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount) to create a "My Social Security" account and print out

your Social Security Statement before attending the workshop. There will be opportunities for questions and answers with a Social Security Representative.

### **Three-Part Dreamcatcher Making Class with Danielle Stickman**

Each session is from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Part 1 – May 22, Part 2 – May 23, Part 3 – May 29 at SJM, TENTATIVELY IN PERSON

Learn how to make a dreamcatcher with Danielle Stickman, (Dena'ina and Koyukon Athabascan). Stickman has been making dreamcatchers for 17 years and she incorporates elements of her culture, land, animals, and also natural materials including salmon skin, moose hide, salmon vertebrae, salmon otoliths, seeds, birch bark, and more. This class will also include saging the finished piece of art, to cleanse the piece of any energies in the creation process.

Traditionally, dreamcatchers were made by the Ojibwe people. Although not a traditionally Athabascan art form, Danielle has made this art form her own and incorporates elements of her own culture and language into the process. She herself learned how to make dreamcatchers from an elder in Ninilchik, Alaska.

The class is free, but a materials fee applies for dreamcatcher making packs. Stickman will create the packs for students in advance, priced at either \$20 or \$25. Packs will be available for pickup from the museum on May 15th. If the packet is being mailed to you, add an additional \$8 for shipping.

Please register for the dreamcatcher making class by April 30 by calling (907) 747-8981.

### **Artist Talk with Danielle Stickman (Dena'ina & Koyukon Athabascan)**

Sunday, May 30, 2021, 2:00 – 3:00 pm at SJM, IN-

PERSON (4 seats) and on Zoom

Artist-in-residence Danielle Stickman (Dena'ina & Koyukon Athabascan) will give an artist talk entitled *Dena'ina Dreams: Science, Art, Culture & Mindfulness* and will focus on the artist's journey in art, science and mindfulness and how culture embodies all of these. She will share her experience of tapping into her intrinsic knowledge for inspiration and share reflections on how we can all allow our innate inner knowledge to be a catalyst for creating art.

Seating for the artist talk will be extremely limited and socially distant. There will be no more than 4 seats available for the talk – please call (907) 747-8981 to ensure you have a seat if you wish to attend in person. The museum invites members of the public to consider watching the artist talk live on Zoom.

To access the Zoom talk, please visit: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88197214444?pwd=S21oUoJ5QlJiS1JLa1NHWUJRS2FoUT09> and input

Meeting ID: 881 9721 4444

Passcode: 463994

For questions about the artist talk or Alaska Native Artist Residency Program, please call (907) 747-8981.

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## **Current Exhibitions**

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### **Alaska State Museum Galleries – Juneau**

*The Spirit Wraps Around You* – On display through October 9, 2021. Visit online at <https://lam.alaska.gov/sway>.

» *Mitch Did This*<sup>3</sup> – On display in the SoS Gallery. Visit online at <https://lam.alaska.gov/mitch-did-this-3>

» *Women of Vision: Honoring the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment*

to the U.S. Constitution – On display in 2021.

### **Sheldon Jackson Museum Galleries – Sitka**

» *Tradition Innovation* – On display through last week of April 2021. Visit online at <https://lam.alaska.gov/peter-williams>

### **APK Display Cases – Juneau**

#### **Mezzanine Level**

» *Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff* – This exhibit shows scenes from the life of the very first curator of the Alaska State Museum and Historical Library.

#### **Second Floor Level**

» *Women of Alaska, an exhibit by the State Library and Archives* – Women have played a significant role shaping Alaska into the state it is today. *Women of Alaska* recognizes and celebrates their achievements and contributions to the economic, academic, social, cultural, and political fields within our communities. The exhibit is curated from the collections of the Alaska State Library Historical Collections and Alaska State Archives.

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## **Upcoming Exhibitions**

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***Watch this space!***

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## **Visitor Information**

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### **Visit or Call**

Fr. Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building:  
395 Whittier St., Juneau  
(907) 465-4837

Sheldon Jackson Museum:  
104 College Dr., Sitka  
(907) 747-8981

### **Hours and Admission Fees**

#### **Juneau**

» (Starting May 10) Library and Historical Collections and Archives: Monday through Friday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. No admission fee.

» (Starting May 12) Alaska State Museum: Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Cost is \$14 per adult. \$9 for seniors (65 and older). Age 18 and younger are admitted free of charge.

#### **Sitka**

» (Starting May 12) Sheldon Jackson Museum: Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Cost is \$7 per adult. \$6 for seniors (65 and older). Age 18 and younger are admitted free of charge.

### **Food and Coffee (Juneau)**

Raven Café:

» Open 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday.  
Phone 907-209-9271. Take out only as of November 2020.

### **Accessibility Notice**

A person experiencing a disability who needs accommodation for events hosted by the Alaska State Library, Archives, and Museum can contact the division's ADA coordinator at (907) 465-2912 up to a week prior to an event to make any necessary arrangements.